



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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✓ Oakland Convention & Visitors Bureau
Attn: Ms. Manette Belliveau

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Advisory Letter Re: FPPC File No. 10/113; Oakland Convention & Visitors Bureau

Dear Ms. Belliveau:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act") found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. The Act requires major donor committees to file periodic campaign disclosure statements disclosing expenditures made during specified periods of time.

The Enforcement Division of the Commission reviewed a matter concerning the Oakland Convention & Visitors Bureau's ("Bureau") failure to file a major donor statement with the City of Oakland in connection with the July 21, 2009, City of Oakland Special Election. In response to our communication to you, your legal representative provided evidence that the Bureau did in fact timely file its major donor statement. We are satisfied that the Bureau complied with its filing obligation.

During our inquiry, however, it came to light that the Bureau inadvertently listed itself as the payee for a \$60,000 contribution that was actually made to the Economic Stimulus of Oakland Committee, Measure C. Your legal representative has since filed amendments to the statements to report the Economic Stimulus of Oakland as the payee.

The Act requires that for each person to whom an expenditure of \$100 or more has been made, you are required to list the person's full name, street address, amount of the expenditure, a brief description of the expenditure and in the case of an expenditure which is a contribution, the date of the contribution, the cumulative amount made, the number of letter of the measure and the jurisdiction in which the measure is voted upon. (Section 84211(k).)

The payment made by the Bureau as originally reported did not include the above information, but did indicate that the payment was to support Measure C. Since it does not appear that the Bureau's action was willful, we are closing our investigation on this matter. If, however, the Bureau makes additional expenditures of \$100 or more, the information contained in Section 84211(k) must be provided.

The Commission publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the Act. If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at (916) 322-5660, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-8194.

Sincerely

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